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Court-Martial On the Flora

Commander and Navigating Officer on Trial For Cruiser's Stranding.

Charged With Having Hazarded and Stranded the Warship.

Evidence of Officers and Seamen in Regard to the Accident.

Captain Casper J. Baker, commander of H. M. S. Flora, and Navigating Lieutenant Harold Grant, of H. M. S. Flora, surrendered their swords to a court-martial yesterday and were placed on trial on the charge of having by neglect or default hazarded and caused the stranding of H. M. S. Flora on Denman Island on the morning of December 3rd last. The two officers were placed at the back of a lawyer bound with green baize stretched from two stanchions which separated them from the table around which sat the officers of the court-martial. Commodore Goodrich, the new commanding officer of the North Pacific squadron, presided at the court. Capt. C. S. Keppel, C. B., D. S. O., of H. M. S. Egeria, Commanders Bowman and Sandeman of H. M. S. Grafton, and with Capt. H. Clinton-Bickford, the secretary to Rear Admiral Bickford as judge advocate. With the two accused officers sat Paymaster Horsey and Lieut. Lewis, acting as the accused friends. The court sat in the wardroom of H. M. S. Grafton and sat from 8 a. m. yesterday until 5 p. m.

In the case for the prosecution about twenty witnesses are being called, the first to give evidence before the court-martial being Lieut. the Hon. A. R. M. Ramsay, who was on the bridge at the time of the accident. He told of the time of leaving Union wharf and of the circumstances incident to the stranding, his evidence bringing out little further than has been told, other than in regard to the detail of the course steered and the time of the accident. The seaman who had the helm followed and he told of the orders he received from Navigating Lieut. Grant. He had been ordered to steer south sixty degrees east, the ship being then about in midstream. This was about five minutes after the Flora left Union wharf. He had no idea how far the cruiser was from Union when that order was given, as he could not see from his position at the wheel. He was afterward given the order by the navigating lieutenant to starboard the helm fifteen degrees and three minutes later, or thereabouts the quartermaster shouted quickly, "hard-a-port." The wheel remained hard-a-port for five minutes. The ship struck the rocks at about midstream. He told of the time of leaving Union wharf and of the circumstances incident to the stranding, his evidence bringing out little further than has been told, other than in regard to the detail of the course steered and the time of the accident. The seaman who had the helm followed and he told of the orders he received from Navigating Lieut. Grant. He had been ordered to steer south sixty degrees east, the ship being then about in midstream. This was about five minutes after the Flora left Union wharf. He had no idea how far the cruiser was from Union when that order was given, as he could not see from his position at the wheel. He was afterward given the order by the navigating lieutenant to starboard the helm fifteen degrees and three minutes later, or thereabouts the quartermaster shouted quickly, "hard-a-port." The wheel remained hard-a-port for five minutes. The ship struck the rocks at about midstream. He told of the time of leaving Union wharf and of the circumstances incident to the stranding, his evidence bringing out little further than has been told, other than in regard to the detail of the course steered and the time of the accident. The seaman who had the helm followed and he told of the orders he received from Navigating Lieut. Grant. He had been ordered to steer south sixty degrees east, the ship being then about in midstream. This was about five minutes after the Flora left Union wharf. He had no idea how far the cruiser was from Union when that order was given, as he could not see from his position at the wheel. He was afterward given the order by the navigating lieutenant to starboard the helm fifteen degrees and three minutes later, or thereabouts the quartermaster shouted quickly, "hard-a-port." The wheel remained hard-a-port for five minutes. The ship struck the rocks at about midstream. He told of the time of leaving Union wharf and of the circumstances incident to the stranding, his evidence bringing out little further than has been told, other than in regard to the detail of the court-martial.

Capt. Baker questioned the witness in regard to how he came to the conclusion that the ship was in midstream and he replied that he thought she was about midstream. He looked out of the window and could not see the banks of Baynes sound. Several of the engine room artificers minute. S. Brinkley, engine room evidence in regard to the stranding. Mr. George Saunders, chief engine room artificer, stated that he was in charge of the starboard engines until 8 a. m., just preceding the accident. At 7:40 the engines were slowed, and at 7:45 were ordered half-speed, and were driven at 72 revolutions to the minute. S. Brinkley, engine room artificer in charge of the port engine, gave similar evidence, but he stated, and so was the entry in his log, that the order half speed was given at 7:53, there being a discrepancy of eight minutes between the witnesses and the log books of the starboard and port engine rooms. The port engine was also driven 72 revolutions to the minute. Mr. Munson, chief engine room artificer, who was in charge of the engines at the time of the accident, said he took charge at 8 a. m. The engines were then going 72 revolutions. The only order he received from the bridge which was telegraphed to the engine room, was "full speed astern." The engines were reversed and sent full speed astern quickly. Mr. Moulton, engine room artificer, on duty in the port engine room, said the ship was going 72 revolutions. He got the order to go astern from the bridge, it being telegraphed first slow and then shifted at one to full speed astern. The vessel was going astern before she struck. She struck the rocks at 8:03 a. m. He was cross-examined by Navigating Lieut. Grant, who asked if the clock had been altered in the port engine room at 8 a. m., or if any alteration had been made to the clock, to which questions witness gave a negative answer. The accused then asked that Mr. Brinkley be recalled for cross-examination, and he will be recalled today. The court-martial will be continued today.

CONFESSIONED COMPLICITY.

Cripple Creek Miners Tell of Plot to Dynamite Vindicator Mine.

Denver, Col., Dec. 16.—Adjutant-General Bell said today that Charles McKinney and Charles Foster, who were arrested by the militia at Cripple Creek, have confessed to complicity in the dynamiting of the Vindicator mine, which resulted in the death of Superintendent McCormick and Foreman Beck. Two other prisoners are said to be implicated by the confession.

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Mr. Drucker's Death.

New York, Dec. 16.—After an investigation into the death of Adolphus Drucker, the former English member of parliament, who a fellow-patient reported had been neglected and abused in Bellevue hospital, District Attorney Jerome expressed the belief that the authorities at the Bellevue hospital had been vindicated.

SANTOS DUMONT STARTS.

Leaves Paris With His Balloon for World's Fair Exhibition.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Santos Dumont starts for St. Louis in a fortnight to arrange for the installation of his huge dirigible balloon "Santos Dumont No. 7," and the hydrogen generators, and to learn the quality of the gas preliminary to taking part in the dirigible balloon competition.

BANK PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

Woodville, N. H., Dec. 16.—Albert H. Westcott, president of the National Bank of Berlin and vice-president of the Gorham National Bank of Gorham, was arrested here today by United States Marshal Nutt, on a charge that a \$5,000 note, said to have been signed by George M. Marshall, cashier of the Gorham National Bank, had been falsely entered on the books of the Berlin National Bank with intention to deceive.

News Notes of Nanaimo City

Tax Sale of Lands Completed After a Two Weeks Session and Some Unsold.

Funeral of Late Mr. W. C. Bate Yesterday Was Very Largely Attended.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 16.—The City hall is about to make war on the tagless canine. Dog taxes have come in very slowly this year, and the deficit in the treasury is to be made up, even if it takes police court proceedings to do it. Yesterday the period of grace expired, and today the collections are being begun with blue police notices. The sale of lands on which taxes have not been paid, which has been dragging on for nearly a fortnight at the government offices, was completed noon today. Several lots remained unsold. These now revert to the Crown. The funeral of the late Mr. W. C. Bate took place this afternoon under the direction of the Native Sons, who attended in a body. A large number of relatives and friends of the deceased were also present. Rev. C. E. Cooper, the rector of Nanaimo, performed the last rites.

A deluge of rain descended on the city yesterday, continuing hour after hour. Engagements of all kinds for the evening were cancelled. The ladies of the Presbyterian church opened their annual sale of work, but were obliged to postpone it until today. The Christmas trade came to a complete standstill, and early in the evening the downtown streets were deserted. The steamer Wyndford arrived yesterday morning to load coal for San Francisco. The steamer Cornemurrah is loading for the Hawaiian Islands.

The annual billiard tournament has been commenced at the Athletic Club. There are thirty-six entries.

William Wilson, of South Wellington, seems determined to be killed by a train. Yesterday, for the third time, he was struck by the cow catcher of an E. & N. locomotive, and the train had to return to Nanaimo with him. Wilson lives in South Wellington, and comes to Nanaimo to get drunk. He makes a public road of the track for his homeward journey and goes to sleep between the rails. Once he came within an ace of having his head cut off, a second time he was so seriously injured that he was in the hospital for months, and yesterday, had not the engineer seen him in time, he would certainly have been killed outright. As it was he was badly knocked about, and is now back in the hospital.

SEA OF AZOF IS DISAPPEARING

Harbors Run Dry and Many Vessels Are Stranded In Consequence.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The Sea of Azof is disappearing, and remarkable changes are taking place at the mouth of the river. The waters have receded to such a extent during the past five days that the bed of the sea is visible for a distance of several versts (a verst is 3,500 feet). High winds hurried clouds of sand shoreward covering the town. Vessels are lying high and dry, and the greatest confusion is prevailing in the harbor. Work in the factories has been reduced to a minimum on account of the lack of water.

CHASING CASHIEL.

Fugitive Said to Have Escaped From City and Police in Pursuit.

Calgary, Dec. 16.—It has just been reported that the murderer Cashiel, who escaped from the city, he seems to have crossed the Bow river west of the city yesterday, and made for Nose creek, where he had dinner at Clouston's. He then went on to Langdon, where he is now supposed to be. The police are sending out men.

TO REMOVE DAVIS.

United States Cruiser Brooklyn to Go to Alexandria to Take off Consul.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—As a result of United States Minister Leishman's advice respecting the Alexandria affair, the American state department has requested the navy department to place a warship at the disposal of Consul Davis, now at Beirut, upon which he might return to Alexandria at his pleasure. The navy department accordingly cabled instructions to Admiral Cotton, on board the flagship Brooklyn, at Alexandria, Egypt, to place a vessel at the disposal of the consul. It is believed the consul will be selected.

Threat By Alexieff

Doughty Viceroy Declares That Russia Will Not Surrender Interest in Manchuria.

Situation in Korea Is So Grave That United States Will Send a Warship.

Japanese Elder Statesmen Consider Adoption of a Firm Stand.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The Norwalk, the personal organ of Viceroy Alexieff, says:

"Japan knows Russia's desire is for peace, but she should also know that Russia cannot surrender vital interests to foreigners, either Japanese or American, by relinquishing her big undertakings in Manchuria, created at the expense of Russian blood and treasure."

Tokyo, Dec. 16.—In consequence of Russia's reply, a special conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito and the cabinet minister, is proceeding here today. It is understood that the statesmen are considering the adoption of a firm stand against Russia. General Kodama, the war minister, was present for the first time at the conference. There is renewed activity at the admiralty, in view of possible naval demonstrations.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Well-informed diplomatic circles believe, despite the discouraging news regarding the Russo-Japanese situation, that war will not occur. It is said that Japan has introduced into the negotiations new demands which Russia did not expect when she presented her recent note, and it is added that the czar hardly would have made the concessions in respect to Korea unless he had been convinced that Japan would not extend her demands. The sympathetic attitude of the British press towards Japan is regarded as exercising a stiffening influence on that country, but the British government has not changed its policy, and is working to prevent war so far as known in Paris.

Moscow, Dec. 16.—A copy of the Dalny Vestok just received here, throws interesting light on the Russian attitude in Manchuria. An Imperial commission, which is drawing up regulations for Admiral Alexieff's viceroyalty, in rendering various decisions, says: "The custom house question is not yet settled. It remains dependent upon for herself. Russia will retain Manchuria for herself."

Washington, Dec. 16.—At the request of United States Minister Allan at Seoul, who reports considerable unrest and rioting in Korea, the American State department has suggested to the Navy department that a warship be sent to Korean waters. It is probable that the Wilmington will be detailed for this purpose.

BRUTAL GERMAN SOLDIER CONVICTED

Five Years in Jail and Dismissal on Fifteen Hundred Counts of Maltreatment.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Owing to his maltreatment of soldiers on 1,520 counts, and abuse of authority on 100 counts, a non-commissioned infantry officer named Franzki, of the 55th infantry, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge from the army by a court-martial at Rendsburg. The court declared Franzki had displayed the "brutality of an ox driver," and pronounced his superior officers guilty of negligent oversight. Franzki borrowed sums of money from soldiers and never repaid them, and beat his subordinates with his fists and with clubs and whips the face of the men. Several times he maltreated from 100 to 200 times each, and some were dismissed from the service disabled.

ONE YEAR IN JAIL.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Frank Rittinger, president of the Nicaragua Land Company was sentenced today to one year in jail and fined \$1,000 on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

FINANCE FAVORABLE.

Paris, Dec. 16.—France will make a favorable reply to the Russo-Austrian proposal, respecting the establishment of the Cretan system of administration for Macedonia. Italy and Great Britain also are expected to accept it.

THE CANAL TREATY.

Important Document Reached Washington From Panama Yesterday.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The Hay-Bunau Varilla canal treaty, enclosed in a large steel box and addressed to Minister Bunau Varilla, care of the United States Secretary of State Hay, reached the American state department today.

Minister Bunau Varilla, who is now in New York, will remain in technical charge of the treaty until the United States has either approved or rejected it.

RECIPROCITY

WITH THE CUBANS

U. S. Senate Passes Important Measure By a Very Decisive Vote.

Washington, Dec. 16.—By the decisive vote of 57 to 100 the United States Senate today passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba. The vote came at the close of a day which was marked by an animated debate. The principal speeches were made by Mr. Spooner, for the bill, and by Mr. Bailey against it. Mr. Bailey referred to the recent agreement of the Democratic caucus to stand solidly with the party on the question of reciprocity, and said that in the future they could not depend on Democratic votes. The bill carries into execution the treaty between the United States and Cuba ratified last March. The Senate also agreed to the House resolution providing for a holiday recess from December 19 to January 4.

Irish Volunteers.

Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 16.—It was announced that the Irish authorities here today that 20 battalions of volunteers will shortly be raised in Ireland. Hitherto the government has refused to grant the volunteer movement to Ireland.

LADY MANAGER ELECTED.

Mrs. Manning Chosen as Mrs. Blair's Successor in World's Fair Business.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Daniel Manning, of Albany, N. Y., was today elected president of the World's Fair board of lady managers, vice Mrs. James L. Blair, resigned. Mrs. Manning had no opposition. She was nominated by Miss Helen Gould, who made a short speech reviewing her qualifications.

PEOPLE'S PITIABLE PLIGHT.

Fire Drives Many Into Bitter Cold in Their Night Clothes.

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—Between 75 and 100 people were rendered homeless early this morning and driven out into the cold with nothing on but their night clothes, by a fire which destroyed the planing mill and lumber yard of the Bennett Lumber and Manufacturing Co., at Millville, Pa., and partially destroyed a dozen houses adjoining the burned mill property. The loss was \$40,000.

Ballot Papers Ready For Work

Millions Held at Ottawa For Shipment at Short Notice.

Transportation Commission is Organized and Will Cover Extensive Field.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Mr. Deedles, librarian of parliament, has been informed, through the French consul at Montreal, that the French government has conferred upon him the title of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. All ballots for the Dominion election, numbering up into millions, have been printed at the bureau of printing, and are ready to be despatched immediately to the different constituencies when the word is given. Local government printing offices will fill in the names of candidates.

The transportation commission was organized today. Inquiry will extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the views of public bodies will be taken.

The Dominion government has decided to order two new cruisers. One will be built by Vickers & Maxin, England. She will be 260 feet long, 25 feet deep and have a speed of 17 knots, a searchlight of 4,000 candle power, armored decks and pom-pom guns, and will carry 60 blue-jackets on board. She will be 700 tons and lighted throughout with electricity. She will be used on the Atlantic coast. The other cruiser will be built by the Parsons, Toronto, for use of the lake. She will be capable of 16 knots, and is to be 200 feet long and 22 feet deep and 540 tons. Both will have armored decks and will be ready in about six months.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster will address the Canadian Club here on Monday evening. He will likely make his visit to England a theme for discussion.

THE SUICIDE'S SHORTAGE.

Late Bank Cashier in New Haven \$18,000 Short in Three Months.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 16.—The examination of the bank's accounts by United States Bank Examiner Barker was completed today. It is understood that the shortage in the late cashier's account does not reach \$18,000. Of this amount, however, only about \$4,000 had been traced to stock speculation. It is further understood that the cashier's misappropriation of the bank's funds dates back only three months. This method of negotiating the bank's money is said to have been by depositing the reserve fund.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL, MANITOBA

Government Purchase Land For New Institution—Buffalo Herd Escapes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—The provincial government has purchased about 117 acres in St. Charles municipality, immediately west of the city and almost adjoining the city limits, for a proposed agricultural college. It is expected that work on the building will be begun next year.

Winnipeg's buffalo herd escaped from the corral at Silver Heights on Monday, and are now wandering over the prairie near Starbuck. Men have gone to capture the herd.

Mrs. Moyse, aged 101 years, died yesterday at the Home for Incurables at Portage la Prairie.

A MOSQUITO CONFERENCE.

New York, Dec. 16.—Scientific investigators of national reputation assembled today to consider methods of exterminating mosquitoes.

THREE MEN DROWNED.

Oaklandsburg, Dec. 16.—George Moffatt, William Wilkinson and one Italian were drowned today while trying to cross the upper end of Long Sault rapids in a skiff. The boat stuck in the ice and drifted into the rapids and was upset. One Italian was rescued.

INVESTIGATING OUTRAGE.

Georgetown, Dec. 16.—The examination of witnesses was resumed today for the trial of the trial of fourteen union miners charged with complicity in the blowing up of property of the Sun and Moon mine at Adapo Springs on July 28 last. It is reported that the state will attempt to prove that the Sun and Moon explosion was planned by a so-called inner circle of the Western Federation of Miners, and that several union men, who knew the details of the alleged plot, will testify for the prosecution.

Can. Northern Branching Out

President Mann Makes Definite Statement as to Building Across Continent.

All Lines to Be Consolidated Into One System in Near Future.

Trip to England Understood to Have Reference to Financing.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Wm. Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, is here on his way to England. This morning he was closeted with the solicitors and officers of the Canadian Northern endeavoring to get through as much business as possible before leaving. He reports the Canadian Northern in fine shape and doing a big share of the season's grain business, and handling it expeditiously. He was not to be drawn as to the objects of his approaching visit to the old land, which is reported to have to do with the financing of the Canadian Northern next year.

There is a great deal of construction work outlined, it is said, and it is thought that the president's trip across is to make such arrangements as will permit of a big addition to the mileage of the system next year. The Montreal Star's London special says: D. D. Mann today stated that all the Mackenzie & Mann railways in Canada were to be consolidated in a new company, called the Canadian Northern. He also stated that Ontario and the maritime connecting links would be built as trade required, until the Canadian Northern was a transcontinental route. "You can state definitely," he said, "that we will build a third transcontinental route."

KISHINEFF EMIGRANTS.

Four Thousand Israelites Anxious to Leave for Argentina.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—About 4,000 Jews at Kishineff are asking for aid to emigrate to Argentina. They want tracks of land to start colonies.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 16.—Leonard Johnson, an agent thirty years of age, shot and killed his wife last night and then killed himself. Johnson was pursued by a crowd of neighbors, but he could be captured, he took an ounce of laudanum and fired a bullet into his brain.

ALASKAN EXPLORATION.

New York Company Formed to Mine and Prospect in Far North.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The Rowe Alaska Company of New York State has incorporated today with \$150,000 authorized capital to carry on mining and exploration in Alaska. The directors are all of New York.

STEWARDS' APPEAL.

French Jockey Club Will Contest Tod Sloan's Judgment for \$40,000.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Stewards of the French Jockey Club have entered an appeal in the case of Tod Sloan, the American jockey, who on December 14th obtained a verdict of costs against the club in his suit for \$40,000 damages for being warned off the turf.

BERNHARDT'S TRIUMPH.

Produces Sardou's La Sorciere in Her Own Theatre With Great Success.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Sardou's "La Sorciere," was produced by Sarah Bernhardt last night at her own theatre and was a great triumph for both author and actress. The action of the play passes in the middle ages. The dramatic interest was splendidly kept up by Bernhardt's personation of the Moorish girl who was magnificent.

MURDER NO CRIME.

American Jurist Makes Rolling Said to Be Without Parallel.

Portland, Me., Dec. 6.—Judge Bellinger has decided that the killing of a man by a reflex and wholly involuntary action is not a crime, although the accused may at the time have been engaged in an unlawful pursuit. This decision is said to be without parallel. The ruling was made in the case of Frank Wisnushut, a Warm Springs Indian, charged with the murder of an Indian policeman. While being dragged off his horse, Wisnushut fell and a knife which he held in his hand struck the policeman, inflicting a mortal wound. Judge Bellinger ordered the prisoner discharged.

WATER WORK

Leeds Applauds Chamberlain

Addresses Two Packed Meetings And Enthusiasm Is Tremendous.

Willing to Risk His Reputation That He Can Satisfy Colonies.

Leeds, Dec. 16.—Joseph Chamberlain addressed two immense audiences here tonight, making the last speeches of his fiscal campaign for the year. The enthusiasm was tremendous. The feature of Mr. Chamberlain's speech was his announcement that he has been engaged in getting together a committee of business men from all parts of the kingdom to make inquiries among the various branches of trade at home and abroad as a result of which many difficulties would be cleared away.

Sub-committees will be formed to deal with each branch of trade and to take exhaustive evidence. From this Mr. Chamberlain said he expected to be in a position to formulate a tariff bill acceptable to the country which will enable Great Britain to give trade advantages to those who are prepared to render her similar favors.

Continuing the rest of Mr. Chamberlain's speech was largely a repetition of his former arguments. He said he had been blamed for saying that the colonies would add to the cost of living. He quoted a letter from Charles Booth of the firm of Alfred Booth & Co., Liverpool, saying he did not believe it living. Mr. Chamberlain said the country was not at the parting of the ways and posterity would never forgive the government if it lost the slightest chance of securing what was actually needed by the nation.

Referring to the alleged difficulty of convincing the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain said: "Send me an ambassador to the colonies with full powers. I am perfectly willing to risk my reputation on being able not merely to satisfy the colonies, but also to secure from them equal measures in return."

This challenge was greeted with ringing cheers and cries of "We will." In conclusion Mr. Chamberlain said he advocated "the splendid isolation of the Mother country and her children as a family standing together through good and through ill."

SUCCESSORS TO WOUNDS.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Howard Bostwick Walker, who shot himself twice in the heart with a revolver, sent to his insurance office in Corning, N. Y., Monday morning, died this afternoon. The cause of the suicide is not known.

DOMINICANS AT IT AGAIN.

Cape Haytien, Dec. 16.—According to a special despatch received here, heavy fighting has been going on at Santiago for the last two days, in which the revolutionists were routed. The government has advised all families to leave the city. President Morales is constantly expected at Santiago. Telegraphic communication with San Domingo is interrupted and this place is therefore without news from the capital. General Jimenez is still at Monte Cristo.

MR. CARNEGIE TURNS PROPHET

Foretells South Africa's Destiny and American Negro's Future Greatness.

New York, Dec. 16.—At a meeting of the Armstrong Association today, Andrew Carnegie surprised his hearers by asserting that he believed Great Britain would surely some day lose South Africa, because the Dutch population is increasing, while the British is not. Mr. Carnegie added: "What would Great Britain give for nine million negroes as payable and loyal as those in the United States? They give us \$1,000,000 bales of cotton a year, and this, I contend, makes the United States the most powerful nation in the world."

He said in case of war, all this country would have to do was to stop exporting cotton and the war would be won.

My knowledge of the question leads me to the opinion that no political measure can ever save or benefit the negro," said Mr. Carnegie. The Armstrong Association works in behalf of the colored men in the United States.

CONVICTED OF FRAUD.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16.—Julius M. Nisson and Arthur J. Herbert today were found guilty of using the United States mails to defraud.

They conducted business under the name of the Western Supply Company, and had offices in Dearborn street. The reputable company whose business name was used by Nisson and Herbert, occupies a large warehouse on Randolph street. The testimony in the case showed that the two corresponded with firms throughout the United States and ordered goods shipped to the Dearborn street office. Upon the arrival of the goods they were immediately shipped to New York, where they were disposed of. The aggregate amount of the losses of the victims was in the neighborhood of \$30,000. The court temporarily withheld sentence.

Don't think that eruption of yours can't be cured. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla—its virtue is its power to cure.

BERLIN SHOCKED.

Wagner Worshippers Protest Against "Parisian" Production in New York.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The Berlin Wagner Society has published an indignant protest against the "Parisian" production of Wagner's holy legend to art, whose production he designed to reserve for the consecrated temple of art which he created, is thrown away upon audiences on the land of dollars, whose very conception of the true essence of Wagner, and probably will never possess any.

The society does not recognize the American court for its decision in the matter, but expresses the most profound indignation over "the profanation of the jewel of Wagnerian art," and refers to the "great pain felt here that German artists have been found who are so lost to shame as to commit this act of desecration."

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Soft mellow Flavored Whiskey produced by age and high quality

PHILIPPINE PRIARS' CLAIMS.

Over Seven Millions to Be Paid by U. S. for Lands Acquired.

Manila, Dec. 17.—An agreement has been reached between General Taft and the friars by which the United States will acquire the friar lands for the sum of \$7,310,000.

REWARDED FOR BRAVERY.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Secretary of the United States Navy Moody has ordered that a medal of honor be presented to Boatswain Patrick Deery, of the Peoria, who, at great peril, swam to the submarine boat Adder and attached a line to her when the boat was adrift at sea recently.

DEFAUDED UNIVERSITY.

California State Institution Loses \$20,000 Through Dishonest Secretary.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 16.—W. I. McKown, secretary of the board of regents of the State University, confessed today to the President, Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of that institution that he was a defaulter to the amount of \$20,000 and possibly more. Most of the money had been lost at the race track. He had been placed in charge of the town marshal and a meeting of the regents called to consider the situation.

McKown's arrest followed the discovery that he had attempted to pay a racing debt out of a check made to him personally by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst for \$1,100. President Wheeler says it appears that McKown has been appropriating for his use fees and donations of the university which came into his hands.

Indian Chief Resents Slander

Port Simpson Brave Rebukes Tribesman For Bearing False Witness.

Budget of Interesting News From Embryo Terminus of the North.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Port Simpson, B. C., Dec. 8.—Last Friday Chief Doodward, of the T'Simpson Indians was Mr. Blackbow, an Indian resident of this place, arrested on a charge of uttering a scandalous utterance by saying that the chief was going to sell the Indian reservation to the promoters of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The information was laid before Justice of the Peace Pleasance and by him, Mr. Blackbow was promptly found guilty and fined \$21 and costs.

A very disastrous storm visited this town on the morning of the 25th of last month, and in consequence thereof, as already reported, three lives were lost and much property destroyed. A Mr. Turk, who conducts a small trading post on Tongas narrows on the Amerindian side, was on his way home from a party with a small schooner loaded with whiskey and other commodities, and before reaching his home was caught in the storm. He was accompanied by two Indians and all were lost.

Two houses on the Indian reservation were destroyed and several other houses unroofed. The Hudson Bay Company was repairing their wharf and the pie driver used on the work was blown off the platform into the bay. The frame of the driver was found six miles from the town a few days ago.

Dr. Kergin of the government hospital here had a very narrow escape from blood poisoning last week. He was employed to cut a tumor from the nose of an Indian, and a few days after performing the operation he noticed that his coat felt rather tight under the armpit and upon making an investigation discovered that the tumor, leading from his wrist, his shoulder had commenced to show that peculiar dark color that presages blood poisoning. Proper steps were at once taken to arrest further progress of the dreaded poison.

Frank M. McBride, of East Cowanay, who has been here for several months investigating conditions for a new business location, left on the steamship Tees on his last trip south for Victoria. Mr. McBride thinks he will either locate in Victoria or Seattle.

A few days ago the proprietor of the Hotel Northern, Mr. William Hodge, who has charge of measuring the flow and ebb of the tide at this point, caught a delicious fish, which he kept long and avowedly sixty pounds. The monster had gotten into the pipe of the apparatus that connected the machine with the water and it took two men to pull the monster from its hiding place. A book had been gotten into its body it was brought up a few inches at a time, that it was moved every time it would loosen its tentacles to get a fresh hold. Finally after an hour of hard work the monster was brought to the surface and taken to the hotel where it was on exhibition for several days.

GROWTH OF BARLEY.

Hon. Henry Chaplin Says Soil of Colonies is Unsuitable at Present.

London, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, M. P. (Conservative), speaking at Ware yesterday, said the soil of the colonies was unfitted for the growth of barley, and would likely be so for years to come.

SKATING ASSOCIATION.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The American Skating Association, which proposes to control all minor organizations and to promote interest in ice skating, has been formed at a meeting in the Sherman House by a number of men well known in skating circles. Officers for the coming year were elected, and a general committee appointed to transact business until the next meeting, which will be held in the near future.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

Boston, Dec. 16.—A movement to bring about a treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain was inaugurated today at a meeting of Boston's leading merchants at the Boston Chamber of Commerce. After a discussion entered into by prominent men, it was voted that President Thomas Barclay, formerly president of the British Chamber of Commerce, address the meeting.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. AU Druggists sell them. Beware of cheap imitations. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Steamship Agent Raced With Law

How Local Chinese Were Prevented From Securing Deported Man.

Tried to Secure His Freedom on Habeas Corpus Proceedings But Law Was Late.

The sailing of the steamer Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, from this port on Tuesday, was hurried considerably, for the local agent of the Japanese line, Mr. K. J. Burns, was having a race with the process of law, in which the steamship man won. It seems that a Chinese named Wong Tong, who was brought over on one of the recent steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, was refused admittance on the Sound and ordered deported. His friends in Victoria, Chinese heard of this, and, knowing that the steamers of the line called here on their outward way to the Orient, they decided on a coup to secure his release.

The steamship men learned of the effort that was to be made. It was expected that the Chinese would have been deported on the steamer Rijn Maru when she sailed Tuesday night, and when the vessel arrived after a rough passage in a heavy gale across the Sound, the steamship men spread the story, for the benefit of the Chinese friends of Wong Tong in this city, that he had fallen overboard and was drowned. The Chinese afterwards learned that this was false, and that the man would be deported on the steamer Iyo Maru. Once out of the country, they would be unable to get into Canada unless he paid five hundred dollars, for he could not get back in time to come within the provisions of the \$100 tax, so they decided to try to get him free.

When the Iyo Maru arrived at the ocean docks from Seattle, the local Chinese were on hand, and they learned that Wong Tong was held on board, being deported to Hong Kong by order of the United States immigration officials. Accordingly the Chinese hurried to the sheriff's office and begun habeas corpus proceedings aimed to secure the release of Wong Tong. With Mr. Moresby acting in the interest of the Chinese, the law officers hurried to the ocean dock only to find the steamer outward on her way to Hong Kong with Wong Tong on board and the local agent of the line waving his handkerchief from the end of the wharf in reply to Capt. Currow's farewell signals. He had got the steamer away in record time, having secured clearance papers, etc., and done all the business for the vessel in forty-five minutes.

What the Chinese said is not stated. Some time ago a Chinaman was released from the steamer Victoria, of the Northern Pacific line, under habeas corpus proceedings, and the United States government then made a ruling that all steamers carrying deported Chinese were to lay off the ocean docks if they called here, and not come into the wharf. Thus it was expected to avoid having Chinese liberated here when they were ordered deported to China.

ASKING SCHWAB TO DISGORGE

Trust Company Request Court to Collect \$28,000,000 Promoter's Stock.

New York, Dec. 16.—The United States Shipping Company and its receiver, Jas. Smith, jun., defendants in the action filed several months ago by the Trust Company of New York, today filed an amended, or supplemental answer and a cross-bill, naming Charles M. Schwab as a co-party complainant. The prayer of the cross-complaints is that the \$10,000,000 of bonds owned by Schwab and his associates, purported to be secured by the deeds of trust to the complainant company, be decided fully paid and satisfied. It is further asked that a decree be rendered against Schwab for \$18,000,000 on account of his liability upon shares of stock of the United States Shipping Company, issued to him, and that this amount be recovered out of any liability which may be owing to Schwab upon the bonds.

VERY CLEVER AS BURLESQUE

Last Night's Musical Extravaganza at the Theatre Causes Merriment.

Much of "The Head Waiters" comes under the head of that fashionable adjective, "rotten," but it has purple patches which redeem. As a mirth-provoker, it may claim to have held its own with almost any of the fun-makers that drift in here in a season. The music is very pale stuff, and the motive is absolutely crazy, if not quite nonexistent. The jokes are sometimes risqué, while some were simply pathetic in their tediousness after their long journey from the land of the far-fetched.

But the patter was in the main, good, though leagues below that to be heard even on an off-night at Fischer's or the Alcazar, where most of the leaders in the extravaganza business are to be found. Vincent as Jerry and Harold, Negligee particularly, seem to have been taking a post-graduate course under Weber and Field, while Charles Burkhardt, as Izzy Cohen, is clearly an understudy of the famous Iky of the "Prisco variety houses," and a very good imitation, too. The restaurant scene was good burlesque, but the really clever work was done in the closing act, when the sickly sentimentality and mawkishness of the American military melodrama were taken off in screamingly funny style, and to the huge amusement of the house.

Another character that's worthy burlesque of such plays as "Shenandoah," "Held by the Enemy," "Ordered South," and some others that make a specialty of committing aggravated sins against the literary gods of the audience, it would be hard to look at them and preserve one's gravity.

"The Head Waiters" is not bad fooling, and at all events it achieved last night probably all that its author intended, and that was to provide a couple of hours of hearty laughter.

CATARRH COMMON SENSE.—Common sense applies to medicine as elsewhere. Anyone having a sore on any part of the body applies a soothing salve. Anyone suffering with Catarrh, which is a disease causing inflammation and ulceration of the mucous membrane, should apply a good healing, antiseptic, germ-killing salve to the sore and the cure is made. Why Japanese Catarrh Cure is the best Cure. It penetrates to every diseased part, heals the sores and stops the dripping in the throat. 50 cents at all druggists.

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To assist digestion, relieve distress after eating or drinking too heavily, to prevent constipation, take

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KING CHRISTIAN IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—King Christian and Prince Waldemar of Denmark arrived here tonight, and were conveyed in a royal carriage to the Schloss.

FIRE IN HOTEL.

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—The Grand hotel was slightly damaged by fire today, but it is announced that there will be no interruption of business. Crossed wires started the blaze, and a central alarm was turned in, the flames being quickly extinguished.

FRENCH CHURCH AND STATE.

Paris, Dec. 16.—In order to further effect the unity of the church and state, the government commission charged with the consideration of the question, which proposed the suppression of public appropriations for the support of the church and the abrogation of laws under which religious edifices claim immunity from taxation.

MOTHERS' CLUB "AT HOME"

An Enjoyable and Instructive Gathering in the Spring Ridge School.

The Mothers' Club held a very successful "at home" yesterday afternoon in the Spring Ridge public school. A large number of the members and their friends turned out, and the visitors included Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. Archibald Ewing, Rev. Mr. Miller, Trustees Mrs. Boggs and Mrs. Jenkins, Superintendent Eaton and Miss Agnes Cameron.

A very interesting programme was gone through, the Misses Christie contributing several excellent duets on the guitar and mandolin. Mr. Edgar Pawcett very kindly gave a violin solo, and Miss Bredford sang twice in a very efficient manner. Miss Agnes Cameron delighted the company with her reminiscences of "old Broughton street school," now, alas, for tender memories, the carpenter's shop, the old clock, Mrs. A. Ewing, who occupied the chair, read a very excellent paper dealing with the aims and need of the women's club, which was started to bring the teachers and parents into closer touch with each other, and includes also the bringing home to mothers their responsibility in the home. The club is interdenominational, and seeks in various ways to supplement the great lack in modern methods of dealing with the young. Mrs. McCoy also emphasized the need of keeping well to the front the essential thing in character building, namely, the spiritual.

The visiting clergy and school trustees were all given a few minutes to express themselves, and one and all were delighted to find such an institution, and all echoed the wish that its efforts could be enlarged to include all mothers who have children at the public schools.

Superintendent Eaton, in the closing hour, expressed his desire to see the women of the city organized for the betterment of the conditions of school life, and testified to the influence of the Mothers' Club in this direction. Altogether the ladies and their guests had a very successful afternoon.

The next regular meeting of the Mothers' Club will be held on the third Wednesday of January at 3 p.m., in Spring Ridge public school, and all ladies interested are heartily welcomed. The programme for the coming session will then be drawn up.

The school was prettily decorated for the occasion, and at the close of the programme a very excellent tea was provided for the guests.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST TONKIN

Former Manager of Crow's Nest Pass Mines Defrauding Big Corporation.

John H. Tonkin, former manager of the Crow's Nest Coal Company mines, is, according to the Nelson News and a grand jury indictment, charged with serious crimes. The former paper says:

About a year since John H. Tonkin became the manager of the Crow's Nest coal mines at Coal Creek, Michel and Morrissey. As he was affable and pleasant in social life, he made a host of friends. He became an important individual in these towns and nothing of moment went on that he was not included in. No business movement could be conducted without his approval, and he became so well spoken, first citizen of that section. Up to a few weeks since he maintained his position; then suddenly G. G. Lindsay, of Toronto, solicitor and director of the mine, made a visit to the district, and there was a change. Mr. Tonkin was requested to resign, and very promptly did so. Within a few days he left for the East.

The Cranbrook Herald says the reasons for his hasty departure may be found in the following charges, on which warrants were issued, which may be found on file in Chief McMullen's office in Fernie. They are varied in their nature and of a most serious character.

One charges Mr. Tonkin with an attempt to defraud the company by false pretences, since he induced the company to make a valuable security, to wit, a lease of a certain tract of land to C. J. Eckstrom, in order that it might afterwards be made or converted into or used or dealt with as valuable security. Another is that he did, by false pretences, make a contract with one Thos. Crahan, for the sale of lots in Morrissey township, and to pay said Crahan 15 per cent, on same, which was made to be converted into a valuable security.

Another charge set forth that on May 24, 1903, he did, with intent to defraud the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, make a contract with one, Thomas Crahan, to pay the sum of 15 per cent, on sale of lots in Morrissey township by such false pretences obtain the sum of \$1,200 at the town of Fernie, and on

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Men's Real Reinforced Gloves, perfect fitting, all sizes \$2

For Children
Children's Fine Kid Gloves, all sizes, in Tans and Browns. Per pair 90c

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the 6th of July also obtain the sum of \$700.
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The report that has been circulated in the city that J. E. Church is giving up the collecting business is untrue. If you have any accounts to collect send them in and we will use our best endeavors to collect the same.

Properties For Sale.

Residence lots on Gorge Road and Victoria Arm.
Section XX, Victoria District, 40 acres.
Section XVI, Esquimalt District, 22 acres.
Section IV, Sooke District, 20 acres.
Offers to purchase same will be received.

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Conservative Club New Quarters

Young Men Formally Open Their
Rooms in Wescott
Block.

Rousing Rally Last Evening
And Important Business
Transacted.

The Junior Conservative Club held its first meeting in the new clubrooms, Yates street, over Wescott Bros. store, last evening and fully organized. There was a large attendance and important matters were discussed. The chairman, Mr. Croft, opened the proceedings with a rousing speech, and formally opened the rooms. He gave the meeting some facts which showed the club was in first-rate shape financially. The following letter received by the president was read from Hon. George E. Foster on his departure for England to take a hand in the great fiscal battle there: "Dear Mr. Croft: All you kindly convey to the Young Conservative Club of Victoria my appreciation of their kindly sympathy and encouragement in reference to my going over to the Motherland to say as strong a word as I can for the Imperial preferential cause. Their telegram voices, I am sure, the sentiments of all good Conservatives, and I think also of all true and wise Canadians, and in this contest the attitude of Canada will play a most important part. I must the sympathy of the Canadian people will find multiplied means of making itself known to the leaders of the contest in Great Britain and in fresh expression and not rest contented with utterances made when British convention was doubtful though hoped for. In this the Victoria Young Liberal-Conservative Club, will I am sure find its own way to co-operate. Yours very truly, G. E. FOSTER."

Mr. J. L. Beckwith spoke well in support of Mr. Chamberlain's policy. Hon. R. F. Green, minister of mines, gave the club some sound advice, which was listened to with keen attention and well received.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney followed and told of the keen delight the formation of such a club gave him. He had recently written Mr. R. L. Borden, Conservative leader, and suggested that an organization as was now in existence, and he should have much pleasure in again writing Mr. Borden and telling him how it had already been done and so very successfully.

Mr. Caldwell of Kaslo also spoke and was well received. He spoke of the difficulties the head miners had to contend with in the Kootenays.

The following motion moved by J. L. Beckwith and seconded by A. McDonald: "That the executive of this club be requested to invite the executive of the Senior Liberal-Conservative Association of this city to meet with them to arrange for a convention for the nomination of a candidate for the federal elections at as early a date as possible." Carried unanimously.

Richard McFarlane having in the meanwhile arrived addressed the meeting and was received with cheers. The Premier congratulated the club on the present splendid outlook. The new rooms of the club are comfortably furnished and will be a great boon to the young Conservatives of Victoria.

Trades And Labor Council

Important Meeting of the Organization is Held Last Evening.

Some Very Interesting General Business is Done With.

The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held in Labor Hall last evening, President Watters in the chair. R. Peterson was delegate from the Tailors' union, presented credentials and was seated.

Credentials were also received from W. F. Smith and A. Margeson, as delegates from the Bookbinders' union.

The committee appointed to look into complaints against the late "Royal Commission on Labor Disputes and Strikes in British Columbia," reported that from a labor point of view it was a farce from beginning to end, deserved nothing but the strongest condemnation of organized labor. Five thousand copies of the committee's report were ordered printed and mailed to members of parliament throughout the Dominion, Dominion Labor Congress and labor bodies in general.

The legislative committee reported that the Registrar-General refused to register the council as an incorporated body under the Beneficial Society Act. It was decided to take steps to have an Act passed under which labor unions could incorporate. The committee on scaling question, Messrs. Caldwell and Ditchburn, reported that they had brought resolutions passed by this council before the Board of Trade, and that they also had copies printed and sent to all members of the Dominion and Provincial governments, and all members of parliament.

The Trades and Labor Councils of Nelson, Fernie and the Council of Crow's Nest valley, wrote saying they favored the formation of a Provincial Council. The latter only on condition that it was organized on Socialist lines.

The Labor Council of Berlin, Ont., informed the Council that they had organized a political party, viz., "Independent Labor Party," and asked for funds.

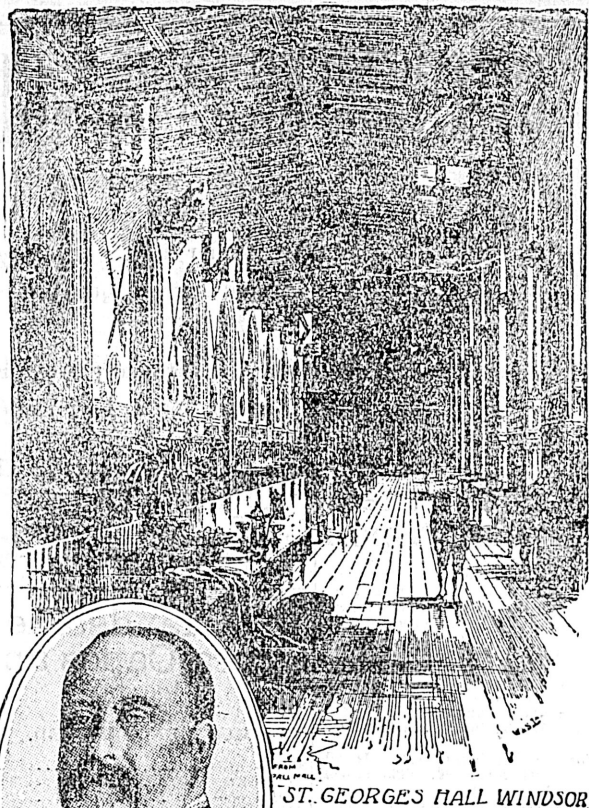
Mr. L. Long was appointed a member of the legislative committee.

It was decided, after discussion, to draw attention of the City Council to the necessity of having a thoroughly practical man to act as inspector of the construction work on Point Police bridge, and the executive committee were instructed to take immediate action.

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ST. GEORGE'S HALL WINDSOR

former port several weeks ago from Nome by way of Northeastern Siberia and the Kamtschatka peninsula. The vessel, with a cargo of winter supplies for the trading stations of the Northeastern Siberian Company, sailed from Seattle September 18th.

TATOOSH REPORT.

Tatoosh, Dec. 16.—6 p. m.—Cloudy, southwest; ten miles. Inward—Four-masted schooner, towing, 9 a. m., and schooner Meteor, San Pedro, Port Townsend, towing, 12:30 p. m.

SPORTING NEWS.

CRICKET.
Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The Australians in the second innings scored 485, and England 122, for four wickets down.

HOCKEY.
The Victoria team defeated the garrison team in the provincial league series yesterday afternoon at the barracks grounds by a score of three goals to nil.

WHIST.
The J. B. A. A. whist tournament takes place tonight in the club rooms at 8:30 p. m.

BASKETBALL.
The Y. M. C. A. and V. W. A. A. intermediate basketball teams meet tonight in the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, corner Pandora and Broad streets. As both teams have won a match this season, a hotly-contested game is looked for. The Y. M. C. A. team will line up as follows: Guards, Kosskamp and McCracken; centre, Bate; forwards, Lovelidge and Kortlang.

RETAIL MARKETS.
Christmas trade is in full swing. Goods of superior quality are on the market fresh from England and the States, so that this year's Christmas pudding, etc., should be exceptionally toothsome. The new dried fruits from California are in fine condition, prunes, peaches, apricots and so on, especially the apricots, which are beautiful. Several of the leading grocers have got in consignments of raisins from Malaga, Spain, and their match for excellence of quality has never been seen in this city. They will find quick sale at 40c. per lb. There are now on the market some very nice, local crop, apples, well packed and very attractive, which should be sellers on sight. The Y. M. C. A. team will line up as follows: Guards, Kosskamp and McCracken; centre, Bate; forwards, Lovelidge and Kortlang.

The steamer Aki Maru of the N. Y. K. line, which came at noon yesterday, with Capt. Eckstrand, the veteran commander in charge, had a trip in which she encountered head winds throughout, but the big liner is a very steady vessel and she came through without having to put the racks on the tables once. Included among the stowage passengers the Aki Maru brought eight Russians, they having come from a lot Arthur via Dabny. There were twenty-nine Japanese for Victoria and 127 Chinese and forty-one Japanese for Seattle. The steamer brought eighteen suitcases passengers, one of whom, Y. Yoda, debarked here, and there were sixteen intermediate passengers, one of whom, K. Takusa, debarked here.

R. P. RITHET'S REPORT.
Shows Slight Change in Freight Conditions.

The monthly freight and shipping report of R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., for November, just issued, says: "A slight change is noticeable in the grain freight situation, owing to the clearing out of the French language on the disengaged list. The number of ships unemployed is still large, but tonnage on the way shows a steady decrease, which has imparted a firmer tone to the market, and it is expected that before the new crop is ready the supply of tonnage will be normal."

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Steamship Manauense, owned and operated by the Northeastern Siberian Company, is ashore near Mororan, Japan. Her master, Capt. S. S. Connors, and crew landed safely from the vessel.

News of the Manauense's grounding is given in a cablegram from Hakodate to the Northeastern Commercial Company, which is the principal stockholder of the Northeastern Siberian Company. The message merely stated that the vessel was aground and that those on her had reached shore. It did not give the date of the mishap.

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Local jams, 5-lb. pails	35
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Poultry	
Dressed fowls	20 to 25
Smoked salmon, per lb.	15
Spring salmon, per lb.	10
Cod, per lb.	8
Halibut, per lb.	12 1/2
Smoked halibut	12 1/2
Flounders	10 to 12 1/2
Crabs, per dozen	50 to 75
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SENSATIONAL MISREPRESENTATION.

The sensational article on the Assessment Act in the Times of the 15th instant is presumably the result of the combined efforts of the Victoria Board of Trade and that journal. Such united effort has, in this particular instance, been used to display considerable ignorance of the subject they attempt to criticize.

We are sorry, in particular that the Victoria Board of Trade has assumed the paternity of the schedule prepared by one of its members without first verifying its assertions. This schedule was, however, circulated with all its errors amongst the members of His Majesty's loyal Opposition during the progress of the bill in order to defeat, if possible, its passage.

We do not wish to say that the author of the schedule intentionally tried to mislead the public, but he has not correctly studied either the old acts or the new. He has not attempted to verify his figures, relating to the taxes payable under the former acts just repealed. His illustrations from the acts are therefore absolutely erroneous and, accordingly, his comparisons are not merely misleading, but worthless. If he had taken the slightest trouble to acquaint himself with the laws under which business men have been paying taxes for years, the author of the document would have been the last man to promulgate such a farrago of misstatement.

For the purpose of enlightening the general public, we will state the law as to the taxation of personal property and income in this Province as it existed up to the time when the new act came into force, on the 11th instant. All personal property and income were liable to taxation, subject to certain exemptions. The exemptions were: (1) Income of every person up to \$1,000; (2) the income of a farmer derived from his farm and the income of merchants, mechanics or other persons derived from capital liable to assessment; (3) so much of the personal property of any person as was equal to the just debts owing by him on account of the purchase price of said personal property; (4) the net personal property of any person up to \$300; (5) household effects of whatever kind, books and wearing apparel.

Section 6 B of chapter 56, section 7 of the statutes of 1901, explains the method of arriving at the taxable property or income, where the income is derived from personal property, the Province taking whichever tax should be the greater.

Before showing the errors made in the famous schedule, it is also necessary to know just what the former Assessment Acts described as personal estate. Section 2 of chapter 24 of the Amendment Act of 1903, which was in force in May last, defines personal property as including all goods, chattels, wares, merchandise, effects, stocks, bonds, debentures, securities, investments (except mortgages and municipal and Provincial debentures, etc.), accounts, notes, certificates of deposit, judgments, choses in action, franchises, moneys, debts, etc. The 1897 act included in personal property goods, chattels, accounts and debts at their actual value.

The first illustration in the schedule printed in the Times is as follows: A merchant with a capital of \$75,000 carrying a stock of \$150,000, and book debts amounting to \$150,000, has due on his stock \$75,000, for which he pays 6 per cent. interest. Now, under the old act, this merchant should have been taxed on all of his personal property, subject to the exemptions within the act. If the \$75,000 due on stock was NOT due to the original vendor, then it should not have been exempted. If he borrowed the \$75,000 from the bank or someone else to pay off the original vendor, it should not have been exempted. In this case the assessable property would be: Stock, \$150,000; book debts, \$150,000, together \$300,000, or at one-half of one per cent., \$1,500 of tax instead of \$375, as stated in the Times. Assuming, however, that he was entitled to the exemption, the debt being due to the original vendor, then that would still leave his assessable property at \$225,000, yielding a tax of \$1,125 instead of \$375. A still further curious thing about the first illustration in the Times is: Is the \$75,000 capital absorbed in the stock and book debts, or is the capital existing in some other form. No sane merchant could carry on business with a stock of \$150,000 and book debts of \$150,000—and if the capital (which is also personal property) existed in addition to the stock in trade and book debts, then he ought to have paid taxes on \$375,000, or \$1,875 instead of the \$375, of the Times' allusion.

The other illustrations of our contemporary, being based upon wrong foundations, it is unnecessary to expose their errors and the fallacious reasoning which runs through the schedule and the Times' article.

If any person will, however, take the trouble to make up a statement of the assets and liabilities of the merchants referred to in the illustrations given in the schedule, he will find that the taxable property in each case is quite different from what the schedule tries to bring out. Upon the assumption, however, that the lowest tax payable by the merchant on personal property was \$1,125, a person who owned real estate to the same value (\$225,000) would have paid, under the old acts, \$1,350, and under the new act this inequality is done away with, as both merchant and real estate owner pay an equal tax on equal investments. Thus, on \$225,000 personally the tax is (less discount) \$2,025, and on \$225,000 of realty the tax is \$2,025.

The real cause for this calamity howling is that some taxpayers, under the old acts, paid too little, some not even what they should have done legally, and now that no discrimination is made between owners of real estate and owners of personal property, some few, but active, persons among the latter are resorting to tactics which are not patriotic, but inimical to the best interests of the Province.

The increase in taxation now imposed should not be unduly burdensome to any person or class of persons in the Province, and although the increase is higher on personal than on real property, that arises from the fact that they were unequal before, but are now made equal.

No taxation act ever devised in any part of the civilized world has been faultless, perfect equality in taxation is, humanly speaking, impossible, and it is not claimed that the present act is perfect. Under it the incidence of taxation is nearer equality than under any former act of this Province.

The Times and the Victoria Board of Trade ought to be sure of their facts before attempting thus to criticize, and we are quite sure that they will, on calm reconsideration, regret having published abroad such doleful blue ruin complaints, injurious to the Province and everyone in it.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE GAINS GROUND.

The fact that the Unionist candidates, Dr. Rutherford Harris, of South African fame, and Major Coates, a financier well known to Canadian public men, won on Mr. Chamberlain's policy by decisive majorities the contested English bye-elections at Dulwich and Lewisham, respectively, is of happy omen for the cause of Imperial preference. In each case the successful candidate, whilst pledging general support to Mr. Balfour and the present British Government, went beyond their policy of retaliation and boldly declared for Mr. Chamberlain's far-reaching proposal.

They thus no doubt frightened many Unionists of the old school, who remain devoted to the traditional free trade, or rather, limited free import policy of Great Britain, and thus lost some votes.

The successful candidates also had raised against them with all vigor the "dear food and small loaf" cry of the Little Englanders, and they had further to face the well-known fact that in the United Kingdom, where Government patronage and influence are usually very small in any other than a dockyard arsenal or similar constituency, by elections, contrary to the case in this country, tend to go against the Government of the time. The local man with a political grievance has then a grand opportunity to assert himself, whilst the Opposition has an enormous power—as compared with its like capacity at a general election, of massing its forces for the capture of a special constituency.

In view of these circumstances, and the fact also that some of the present British Government's administrative work has undoubtedly been open to effective criticism—though a general improvement is progressing in this respect—both the Imperialist Unionists retained the threatened seats for their party by majorities large enough to show that these should be perfectly safe in the event of Liberal attack at the next general election.

The result has naturally brought to Mr. Chamberlain the keenest gratification, encouraging him hugely, whilst it has correspondingly dismayed the reactionaries, who still advocate for their country the continuance of a "laissez faire" fiscal policy, which has of late years most assuredly done great damage to British trade in general, whilst its effects on home agriculture have, in many British counties, been simply deplorable.

VICTORIA'S HOME DEFENSIVE FORCE.

It is regrettable that Lord Dunsford, as general officer in command of the Canadian militia, been compelled to note that our local regiment is still about eighty men short of its full strength, more especially as that total is not large, whilst Esquimalt is one of the most important defensive points of the Empire.

The patriotism of our younger men ought surely to be able to remedy this default and maintain without difficulty a local regiment of two hundred and eighty officers and men, whilst apart from the higher motive of patriotic endeavor there should be for many men much attraction in the physical training which now accompanies enlistment. For this is no longer a matter of mere drilling, marching and work with the guns, but is accompanied by many exercises of a recreative type.

What should make such recruiting easier, as it does in the Mother Country, and in some other parts of Canada, would be the formation of a cadet battalion, as suggested by the General, large numbers of whose members would, on attaining manhood, naturally pass for a period into the ranks of our local regiment. We do not think, having regard to local circumstances, that so large a cadet battalion as one of 1,000 youths could be enlisted, but it certainly should be possible to raise one five hundred strong, which would be of invaluable service in training and disciplining our boys, and as we have said, should solve the problem of keeping the local regiment at its full strength.

The case of more than one of the smaller incorporated towns of South Kootenay suggests what need there is for simplification of the administrative machinery of places that are only fairly sized villages, not cities in any real sense. There is urgently needed, under a revised municipal code, a division of town municipalities into two classes, the one of higher grade by reason of larger population, ratable resources and likelihood of permanence, having

the rights now accorded to cities, whilst urban communities of the other class—style towns—ought to be provided with less elaborate and costly administrative machinery and smaller councils. In Slocan City, and in one or two other small towns of South Kootenay, it is now said to be very doubtful if a sufficient number of duly qualified candidates could be obtained to constitute a full council. Few residents can qualify, and fewer still, seemingly, desire so to do.

L'appetit vient en mangeant says a well-known French proverb, and certainly the desire for territorial expansion with great nations that are world powers, seems to grow with each successful experiment. So now Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, is, after the United States have practically annexed Panama, about to introduce into the Senate a joint resolution calling upon the President to annex the grossly misgoverned negro republics of Haiti and San Domingo, in each of which American commercial interests are of importance. The Senator will probably receive considerable support for his resolution, though it is unlikely that it will pass. This, however, is really almost a superfluity, as should apt occasion offer and the seizure be deemed advisable, it will be easy enough for the United States to protect American commercial interests by action practically equivalent to annexation. As, however, such action would further aggravate the race issue in the neighbor republic by adding a large host of negro citizens or subjects, in this case grossly ignorant, it is unlikely to be taken without very careful consideration. Meanwhile the Haytiens and Dominicans will find it imperative upon themselves, unless they are to meet political extinction, to behave less like savages than their own. The West Indian negroes of the Island of Haiti have greatly degenerated since they acquired the power of self-government, having lapsed into Voodooism and other revolting pagan practices.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Everything points to an era of prosperity for the Lardeau district during the coming year. In the Fish Creek country the Eva mill is turning out gold at the rate of \$100,000 per month. The mill, which gladdens the hearts of the owners, the Oyster-Criterion mill is now in operation and will be a monthly producer of the yellow gold. Other properties are being worked successfully in that part of the district, and conditions as a whole are very encouraging.—Trout Lake Topics.

Mr. J. H. Gray, the chief engineer for the proposed mainline up the South Fork of the Kaslo, has been engaged for several days taking levels and surveying the route between Kaslo and the Forks of the Kaslo river for the purpose of laying all information before his company in view of a possible extension of the road to the lake front from South Fork—Kaslo Kootenian.

The postoffice department has on more than one occasion strained at a gnat and swallowed a whole circus of camels in connection with the blacklist for Canadian mails. One of the recent instances of this is in connection with the "Physical Culture Magazine," edited by Bernard Macdonald of New York. The publication's sin has apparently been that it has published severely and collectively. About fifty copies of the magazine were sent weekly in Rossland, and it has many strong supporters, who object strenuously to their favorite monthly being blacklisted from the mails while several notoriously risqué publications are handled without a quiver by the postoffice department.—Rossland Miner.

The Nelson brewery has been transferred to the Nelson Brewing & Ice Company, a local concern, the officers of which are: J. P. Hume, president; W. P. Tierney, vice-president; J. E. Rogers, secretary; Bartlett, T. Madden and W. R. Thomson, directors; J. A. Turner, treasurer; A. G. Gamble, secretary, and P. E. Wilson, solicitor.—Nelson Tribune.

The foundation for the new building on the west side of the railroad track near the concentrator, has been laid. The building will be two stories high, 100 feet long, and will be fitted with a huge vat for saving the values in the tallings from the mill. C. A. King and a small force of men will be working here all winter, and will have everything in readiness for starting in the spring.—Moyle Leader.

Several small mud slides occurred on the High Line as the result of an attempt to cut through interfering with the general output very little damage was done.—Morrissey Herald.

A GRAIN TRADE CRISIS.

A Western Trade Paper's Opinion of the Working of the Grain Act.

Winnipeg Commercial, Nov. 28.
Another crisis has been reached in the grain trade of Manitoba and the West. The difficulty is the direct outcome of the warranted legislative interference with commercial conditions. The present demoralized situation in the western grain trade is not a surprise to those at all familiar with the conditions under which the trade is conducted. Indeed, it is the inevitable which has happened. The Commercial long ago pointed out exactly what the result of the grain shipper's unfair to the farmer's unreasonable restrictions which were then proposed, and which have since been put into effect. It will be simply impossible to handle the grain crop of Western Canada had anything like reasonable time. If the enforcement of recent legislation in regard to the distribution of cars is continued in effect. The law is unfair to the grain shipper, unfair to the railway companies and unfair to the large majority of farmers, who are compelled by force of circumstances to ship their grain through the elevators. It is utterly unreasonable to expect any railway company to promptly supply cars for handling the crop, while laboring under the disadvantages imposed by this legislation. It is unreasonable to expect the grain shipper to buy grain when they have been deprived of the means of shipping the stuff by legislative interference with natural conditions. Under the existing legislation the elevator owner is in an enviable position as each individual farmer. The elevator owner may require a full train of cars, but he must wait till possibly 100 farmers who have orders in hand are served with one car before he can get a car.

It can be readily shown how this regulation is accountable for the car shortage. Under the old system a train load of cars would be sent out of Winnipeg say over one of the branch lines in the morning, and these cars would be distributed to the elevators along the line. By the time the locomotive had reached the end of the line these cars would be loaded with wheat. The engine could return almost immediately and pick up the loaded cars. Under the present system the cars would be distributed to individual farmers, and each carrying the cars loaded in a few minutes, as they could if given to the elevators, the farmer is allowed 24 hours to load, after he is notified that the cars at his disposal. The railway company must notify the farmer that the car is ready for him, which is in itself an unreasonable obligation, and one which must cause great delays, as many of the farmers reside in some distance from the shipping point. They often times notify the farmer can wait 24 hours and then perhaps decide that he will not load the car at all. The next applicant on the list is then entitled to the car, and the same routine of notification and waiting for the loading is repeated. To expect the railway companies to handle the grain trade of the west on this basis at all is patently impossible. The result is that railway traffic is greatly delayed, and the entire trade of the country has been made to suffer.

As regards the elevators, it seems unfair that the shipper who is prepared to handle expeditiously 5,000 or 10,000 or more bushels of wheat per day from each elevator, should be placed on the same basis as each

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Individual farmer who decides to load a car and take on an average, say, two days to do it. In taking into consideration the time lost in notifying the farmers, and the average time occupied in loading cars in this way will probably be about two days. The law works a hardship to the majority of farmers, who are naturally compelled to use the elevators. Many reside too far from the railway station to be in a position to load a car, or they have not sufficient of one grade to make a car lot. As the elevator is practically put out of business by the restrictive legislation, the farmers who are depending on the elevator are obliged to suffer inconvenience and loss.

It may sound very nice in theory, to say that the farmers who wish to load their grain direct should be given cars. But it is a condition and not a theory we have to face. The effect of trying to enforce this theory by legislation has been to compel 75 per cent of the farmers, who wish to use the elevators, to wait, while 25 per cent ship their grain by the slow process of direct loading. Meanwhile the trade is demoralized, and the commercial interests are compelled to suffer. Occasionally legislation may be necessary to correct abuses in trade, but as a rule the less legislative interference we have with normal trade conditions the better. In the case under discussion legislative interference has only resulted in bringing about a very serious situation.

The grain handling system of Western Canada is undoubtedly not equalled anywhere else in the world. It is a system which is admirably adapted to the requirements of the country and which provides for the rapid handling of a vast quantity of grain during the short period between the harvesting of the crop and the close of navigation. Legislation which will cripple this system and retard its natural development cannot but be regarded as unwise.

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First Gossip—You haven't told me a thing about yourself. Second Gossip—I haven't had time.—Town Topics.

Corliss—Your cough seems to be getting worse. Bayley—Awfully worse; think I must have taken some remedy I recommended to some of my friends.—Boston Transcript.

Sportsman (wishing for fresh fields to conquer)—I should like to try my hand at big game. Fair game—Yes, I suppose you find it very hard to hit these little birds.—Punch.

"If he had studied his geometry he might have been a rich man today." "Where did he fall down?" "About the square of pleasure in preference to a square of office buildings."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

An Advertisement.—(Time, 1922). Special train for the lynching, with parlor cars for lady members of the mob. The sheriff has kindly consented to be overpowered, and everything is sure to pass off smoothly.—Baltimore American.

"Yes," said the melancholy man, "his wife died a sad end." "How did he die?" asked the inquisitive party. "Oh, he died," explained the sorrowful chap. "He was one of the end men of an amateur minstrel show."—Chicago Daily News.

"What do statistics show?" Inquired the man who warming up to his subject. "As a rule," answered the man who is always thoughtful, "they don't show much except patience and industry in the pursuit of the man who collects them."—Washington Star.

"Yes," said the discontented man, "I've taken a job as assistant professor of astronomy at the college, but it doesn't pay very well." "But it's easy work. All you've got to do is to gaze into space and—" "But I don't get space rates for it."—Philadelphia Press.

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To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

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I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

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11 Handsome Opera Capes and Coats

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\$35.00 ones for \$17.50
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Colors: Pink, Blue, Nile and Gray.
Coats in three-quarter and full length.
On sale today 10 a. m.

New Wrist Bags

Prices \$1.50 to \$6.75.
All the new shapes.

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Board of Horticulture.—The Provin-
cial Board of Horticulture will hold a
meeting in the office of Mr. J. L. A. A.
person, deputy minister of agriculture,
Government buildings, this forenoon.

The Pioneers.—An error was made
in stating that the usual weekly meet-
ing of the Pioneer Society was to have
been held yesterday evening. The regu-
lar meeting is the first Wednesday in
every month.

"Joan of Arc."—A successful rehearsal
was held at the Centennial church
last evening of A. K. Gaul's cantata
"Joan of Arc." There was a gratifying
attendance and much good preparatory
work was done.

Ladysmith Notes.—Work was re-
sumed at the Tye smelter on Wednes-
day morning, the repairs and improve-
ments having been completed. A minor
named Knaws was removed to the Na-
namo hospital on Tuesday, to receive
treatment for a broken leg.

For North Ward.—L. Quagliotti has
signified his intention of running in
North Ward in the approaching muni-
cipal elections. It is understood also that
Edward Bragg has aspirations of the
kind which will lead him to be a candidate for the same ward.

Yukon Telegraph.—J. B. Charleson,
who has left for Hazelton and Port
Essington to inspect the line at these
points, will, on his return, report on
the advisability of laying a cable over
some parts of the mountains where the
line is frequently broken during the
winter.

Cricket.—A correspondent, who says
he is very much interested in the pro-
gress of the English cricket team in Aus-
tralia, regrets that he has not noticed
cabled reports of the scores published in
the Colonist each day. If the gentleman
will turn to the sports column he will
find the same there each morning.

Seasonable Gifts.—The rooms of the
Friendly Help Association will be open
on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for
the reception of food and clothing and
other necessities. The association is hop-
ing to receive for the winter season
donations of cash this week. The dis-
trict visitors are asked to send in their
lists of people needing assistance by Monday.

An Old-Time Fire.—The stories of old-
time happenings in Victoria and British
Columbia appearing in the Colonist each
week from the pen of "D. W. H." are
thoroughly enjoyed by thousands, and
each succeeding offering is eagerly
received with pleasurable interest. In next Sun-
day's paper "D. W. H." will give "The
Fire at the St. Nicholas hotel—a story of
1862."

Siddall-Conveys.—Rev. Dr. E. C. Rowe
visited yesterday afternoon at the residence
of the bride's family united in marriage E.
P. Siddall, son of ex-Sheriff Siddall, to
Miss Blanche Conveys, daughter of the
late J. Conveys. Quite a number of
friends witnessed the interesting cere-
mony and the couple were the recipients
of many gifts. They left in the evening
on a honeymoon trip to the Sound.

Groceries at Auction.—The grocery
stock, fixtures, horses, wagons, etc.,
belonging to the estate of J. McSwiney,
corner of Douglas and Discovery
streets, will be sold this morning by
auction. The groceries will be sold in
suitable lots for family use, and the
other goods will be sold in bulk. There is
to be no reserve; everything
must be sold. The sale will start promp-
tly at 11 a. m.

Winter Visitors.—There is quite a no-
ticeable increase in the transient popu-
lation at this season of the year, due
no doubt to the fact that many min-
ing men who labored all summer in
the North-Western Territory, are com-
ing down to spend the winter in a milder climate.
The attractions which Victoria offers to
such class have become widely known,
and as a consequence the influx of
winter guests is constantly on the in-
crease.

The Chinese Flood.—Owing to the ex-
traordinary influx of Chinese who are
hurryng in in order not to come under
the new head tax of \$500, which goes
into effect on January 1st, it is believed
that the sleeping accommodations in the
Chinese quarters are likely to be taxed
to its utmost. With the idea of ascer-
taining if the city is being flooded with
overcrowding are being made, and in-
spection is to be made of Chinatown
by the proper officials.

Cariboo Pioneer Dead.—Another of
British Columbia's pioneers has passed
away in the person of L. W. Risk, who
died on Monday morning in the Royal
Columbian Hospital, New Westminster.
The immediate cause of death was ane-
mia, though the extreme old age of the
deceased told greatly against recovery.
Ludwig William Risk came to this
country in 1858, and for a number of
years was engaged along with others
who are now citizens of New Westmin-
ster, in mining in the Cariboo. Later
he farmed for some time in the upper
country till old age creeping on, obliged
him to give up an active business life.

The Gambling Case.—The case against
the two Chinese accused in the police
court of a gambling house, was con-
tinued yesterday, when Sergeant
Palmer was on the stand, giving evi-
dence corroborative of that given by the
chief in regard to the raid on the gam-
ing house at 40 Cormorant street, which
the accused are alleged to be running.
A Chinese witness was also placed on
the stand to explain the methods and
manners of the game Chee Fa, which the
Chinese claim was being run by the ac-
cused, and which, it is said, some Chi-
nese won \$200, which they had refused
to pay. The Chinese will continue his
explanation today. The court is daily
crowded by Mongolians, as the case
seems to cause great excitement in the
Chinese quarter.

Fruit Growers' Meeting.—An important
meeting of fruit growers of the
Pacific Coast will be held at Portland
on January 11th, 12th and 13th, under
the auspices of the Northwestern Fruit
Growers' Association. The entomolo-
gists from the state universities, agri-
cultural colleges and experiment stations
will be present from Washington, Ore-
gon, Idaho, California, Colorado and
Utah, as well as experts from British
Columbia. These experts will read pa-
pers of value to the growers. One of
the experts to be there is Prof. C. W.
Woodworth, of Berkeley, Cal., who has
been a student of the University of Cal-
ifornia for several years, and has been
a student of the University of California
for several years. There will also be a large
attendance of dealers and representa-
tives of the railroads and methods of
packing and matters of transportation
and sale will be discussed.

City Debentures.—Local people have
taken up the debentures issued under
authority of the Langley, Bastion and
Government street local improvement
by-laws at good rates. Some of the
tenders were for par and others ninety-
eight, the ordinary denomination being
\$500 each. The debentures will ma-
ture in August, 1913, and the rate of
interest to be paid is four per cent. The
amount advanced for under the Lan-
gley and Bastion streets paying local im-
provement by-law aggregated \$9,348.11,
of which the sum of \$4,643.21 was se-
cured on the credit of the whole munici-
pality and \$4,704.90 on the credit of the
real property immediately benefited.
The \$4,643.21 issued under the author-
ity of the other by-law is secured by
the real property immediately benefited
by the Government street paving.

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A special vating of the cream of Old Highland Whiskies.
Matured for many years in Sherry Wood before being
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IN CHAMBERS.

Before the Chief Justice in chambers
yesterday the following cases were dealt
with.

Brenchley vs. Harte, an application to
sell goods. Order made by consent.
Robertson for plaintiff; Jay for defend-
ant.

Pacific Towing and Lighterage Com-
pany vs. Morris, was continued yester-
day.

There remains yet on the list:

Taylor vs. Rich, Lang vs. Brayshaw;
Raser vs. McQuade, et al.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

List of Supplementary Meetings Being
Held Throughout the Province.

Supplementary meetings of the various
Farmers' Institutes are being held just
now in the various districts. One was
held at Nanaimo on Monday last, which
was addressed by Mr. Peter Venables on
"Insect Pests." Another was held
at Gordon Head on Tuesday night, also
addressed by Mr. Venables on the same
subject, while Mr. Thomas Cunningham,
fruit inspector, spoke on fruit
growing. Yesterday a meeting took place
at Mr. Helgeson's farm, Metcheson,
where Mr. Cunningham gave some dem-
onstration in pruning. Last night there
was a meeting at Metcheson hall,
addressed by Messrs. Venables and Cun-
ningham. On Friday a meeting at Lad-
ner's will be addressed by Mr. Ven-
ables on "Insect Pests," and by Mr. Max-
well Smith, Dominion fruit inspector on
"The Packing of Fruit." At Surrey
on Saturday, 19th inst., at Langley and
Langley Prairie, on Monday, the 21st,
and at Chilliwack, on Tuesday the 22nd
inst., the same speakers will deliver the
same address.

THE PRECOCIOUS YOUNGSTER.

Two Little Stories of Amusing Ques-
tions of Small Children.

"Tattoo" is the only son of his dotting
parents. Some time ago he suddenly,
and apropos of nothing, asked his
mother what was the meaning of "half-
brother." His mother was the very
thing with the query, "Why do you ask?"
"Our Father Who are in heaven, half-
brother be Thy name," calmly quoted Tat-
too.

"Boy" is a lad of about seven. He
has besides his parents and sisters, two
aunties, Carrie and Isabel, and an Uncle
Will. The aunties are unmarried while
the uncle is wedded. A few evenings
ago "Boy" was sprawling in front of
the fire, evidently deep in thought. Sud-
denly he propounded a question, "Mum-
my, is Auntie Isabel a widow?" "No,
my dear," replied his mother. "Well,
if Uncle Will married?" he now queried.
"Yes, dear," was the reply. He was
now plunged in deep thought for
some time, when he put forward the
following alarming question: "Mummy,
if Uncle Will were to be hanged, would
Auntie Isabel and Auntie Carrie be
widows?"

F. R. Stewart & Co., wholesale fruit
merchants, have received a carload of
fancy Northern, a Dray and Golden Russet
apples grown and packed by the famous
Coldstream Ranch, Vernon, B. C. Any
person desirous of securing strictly fancy
apples, should arrange to get some of
this fruit.

Useful gifts for Children. Tea Sets
of twenty-four useful pieces, \$1.50;
Cup, Saucer and Plate, 20c. to \$1.00;
Porridge Sets 40c. to \$1.00, Knife, Fork
and Spoon, 25c. to \$2.25. Pocketknives,
15c. to \$1.75. Other things, too, at R.
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lework seen in Victoria is now on
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spread, to be raffled. Tickets 50c.

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designs, may be had at Ormond's Book
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etc.

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A Fine Report By the Secretary

Mrs. Spofford Tells of Years' Work Done By the Local Council of Women.

Subjects on Agenda Referred to the Executive For Action.

Madam President and Ladies.—We must today turn the ninth page in the history of this Local Council of Women. The loss of love for humanity, of earnest toil and persevering effort, is the greatest danger that must be read between the lines for it cannot be expressed in printed words.

Such occasions as the present are likely to call forth mingled feelings of satisfaction and regret, for at this time, if at no other time, we are bound to pause long enough to seriously realize that another year of life has quietly and silently slipped away and, as it were, has been lost. We have with its opportunities which came, passed by, and will come not again. Opportunities which improved day by day fill one with a supreme satisfaction of life. In a body such as is represented here today, the solution of the problem of usefulness must be solved by each member individually, and as the answer of the individual member, such will be the result of the whole.

It is perhaps not correct to report all accomplished during the year which might have come within the scope of the Council's work, we believe we have reason to feel satisfied with the result of some efforts which have been put forth.

At the first meeting of the executive following the last annual meeting, the subjects on the agenda which had been referred to the executive for action, were discussed and committees appointed to carry these into effect as far as was found practicable.

Resolution No. 1, which dealt with the inadequacy of the law in the provision made for the maintenance of illegitimate children by the proper parties was referred to a committee consisting of the president, Mesdames G. Grant, Jenkins, Barnard and Spofford. The work was progressing in a way which would lead to legislation on the subject, when a change in the legislature was found to interfere with more than political aspirations, it also for the time being was referred to the executive for action, were discussed and committees appointed to carry these into effect as far as was found practicable.

Resolution No. 2, the question of the management as embodied in this resolution was referred to a committee consisting of Mesdames Sherwood, Goodhue, and Spofford. The work was progressing in a way which would lead to legislation on the subject, when a change in the legislature was found to interfere with more than political aspirations, it also for the time being was referred to the executive for action, were discussed and committees appointed to carry these into effect as far as was found practicable.

Resolution No. 3, dealing with the possibility of a sanatorium in British Columbia for consumptives, was, on further investigation, ascertained to be without foundation. The Dominion government had not taken any action toward furthering such a scheme, consequently nothing could be done. The matter was therefore dropped.

Resolution No. 4, dealing with the frequent escapades at the reformatory were further deplored, but the old and well established difficulties confronting the executive. The new building is still in course of construction somewhere. In the meantime the juvenile offenders continue to take their little trips and to be returned under the protection of the strong arm of the law, which, however, does not prove itself sufficiently strong under existing circumstances to do much for the boys. The children of women in a very satisfactory manner, the gentleman now in charge being deeply interested in the welfare of the boys, and we understand doing what he can, with the limited facilities toward improving them.

The request that the Local Council of Women would lend its assistance to the Mother's Club in securing a recreation room for boys, solved itself by the work being undertaken, and we believe carried on successfully for some time by a gentleman who was deeply interested in the boys. Mr. Clarke, in this work, was ably assisted by a corps of earnest workers in conducting a night school and recreation room for boys in the old Harmony Hall on View Street.

A practical solution of the final resolution on the agenda we may justly claim as the crowning effort of the year. The desirability of the introduction of domestic science in the schools will no longer greet the eyes of delegates at future annual meetings, for this year the work has been carried to a successful issue. In her annual address last year, our president, whom we fear is periodically inclined to depreciate the value of such an address, expressed herself in these words concerning the last resolution on domestic science. "The authorities will not be moved to action by any resolution asking that this subject be added to the curriculum, but if it be followed by an offer to raise \$300, the sum necessary to equip and establish a school, then we become practical, and an offer of practical practice will be read between the lines for it cannot be expressed in printed words."

The executive realizing the worth of this association, appointed Mesdames Wm. Grant, Brockie, Spofford and Jenkins to take charge of the School Board, and press upon them the desirability of domestic science being added to the curriculum of the public schools. This to be followed by an offer that if the board would make provision for a teacher the Local Council of Women would furnish the equipment. The proposition met with the hearty approval of the board, and today 200 per cent of the girls of Victoria are receiving scientific instruction in the art of home making, and the council will today hear a full report of the work, and the equipment be transferred to the School Board.

Thus, the executive has, to the best of its ability, endeavored to carry out the work referred to by the council at its last annual meeting.

During the year the regular monthly meetings of the executive have been held without interruption. Our president during her well-earned rest and visit to her home land, was missed by all the workers, but Mrs. McGregor, first vice-president, spared neither time nor pains in furthering the interests of the council, and was ably assisted by her during Miss Perrin's absence. One of the meetings was of a specially interesting character, when on the evening of her return, the president invited the council to combine business with the hospitality of the Bishop's house. The treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Grant, kindly opened her home to the council in order that the ladies might have a pleasant evening with Miss Perrin on her return home, and to the work to which she has devoted not only so much of her time and her energies, but so large a share of her personal life.

Once again we are compelled to express our regret at failure to elect a second woman on the School Board, but we do not despair. We yet expect to see the directors of Victoria express a favorable opinion as to the desirability of at least two women occupying positions on that board. Early in the year a bright little visitor was introduced to us in the form of a leaflet published by the National Council, called "The Messenger," whose mission is to report the work of the councils, thus keeping the workers informed as to the progress the various councils are making in their work.

This publication has a future before it which time will surely develop. Twenty copies of "The Messenger" were subscribed for, and we heartily commend it to every worker of the present day. Fifty copies of "Work" undertaken by the Local Council of Women, prepared by Miss Teresa Williamson, were purchased to be circulated through affiliated societies. This leaflet contains a very convincing reply to the question, "What are the local councils doing?" Eighteen copies of the book were also subscribed for. It is due to the indefatigable efforts of the National Council's secretary that the book this year has been a source of income rather than of expense to the National Council, and the most valuable information contained therein will deeply repay any woman for the 25c. she may invest in it.

Our council was fortunate again in this year to have a representative at the meeting of the National Council, held in Toronto in June last, Mrs. McFagan having consented to act for us in that capacity, and to-day we hope to see the pleasure of listening to her report of that meeting.

In the month of May a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce waited upon the council asking its co-operation in the efforts of that body to bring before the house-keepers of Victoria the benefits which would accrue to the city through a larger consumption of home manufactures in preference to imported goods. The council expressed its willingness to lend any aid within its power, and 3,000 copies of a circular letter were provided to be circulated through the societies. As a result of this action, today the council will discuss this question, and seek to bring about the desired results.

This year again the council was asked to take charge of the women's department of the Agricultural Exhibition. Mrs. McGregor devoted her time and best energies to the work, being ably assisted by the members and by outside friends. Everything connected therewith passed off most satisfactorily. We have bold to assert that it speaks volumes for the grace possessed by any woman who passes through such an ordeal with temper unimpaired.

Immediately after the exhibition a committee was appointed to revise the prize list in the women's department. This committee received valuable assistance from Mrs. Rickford, Mrs. Peizer and Mrs. Meslin. The Agricultural Exhibition committee will be asked at once to publish this revised list at an early date, so that ladies may have time to prepare their work, and a better showing of new work be made next year.

In November an exhibition of statuary was held, which was not as remunerative as was expected. However, it was a source of income for the domestic science fund. For this exhibition the City Hall was kindly placed at the disposal of the council by Mayor McCord.

One society, St. Paul's Ladies' Aid, though best known through its affiliation with the Y. M. C. E., and to whom we are pleased, on the other hand, to welcome four new societies, the Baxter and Queen Alexandra Hives of the Ladies of the Macmillan, the Y. M. C. E., and the Mothers' Club. Year by year the active, thoughtful workers in the individual societies are learning the power that there is in unity, and are realizing that through the centralizing agency, such as the Women's Council, much may be accomplished, which if undertaken by individual societies, would result in failure. Thus, the usefulness of the council is manifestly increased each year. The council is now composed of 1 patron, three life members, 3 individual members, 10 officers and 20 affiliated societies.

A cause of regret, of which we speak only in the kindest spirit, is the failure on the part of representatives to attend the monthly meetings of the executive. We know only too well the large amount of responsibility which falls upon the president of the individual societies. Yet on the other hand, their failure to attend the council's meetings throws an undue proportion of the work upon the executive, and the Y. M. C. E. is severely fair to the council, nor to the affiliated societies which are thus represented. While it is desirable that the president, who is in closer touch than any other of its members with all the work of her society, should be its representative, yet, if it is impossible, it would be better as some presidents do, to have some other member represent her, who would be

able to assist in the council work. The burden thus shared would be lighter, and more work would be accomplished.

As in former years, by the courtesy of His Worship the Mayor, the committee-room of the City Hall has been placed at the disposal of the council, and the daily press have been most courteous in their willingness to assist the work. During the year one hundred and sixty-six notices of meetings have been sent out, twenty-six letters written, and fifty-seven communications sent out for the annual meeting.

We have thus endeavored to sum up and place before you the accomplishments of the year, but, as I stated at the beginning of this report, if you would know the measure of loving service rendered, the amount of toil and self-sacrifice which is included in the recorded efforts, it must be read between the printed lines. However, on the part of every worker who has shared the work, it has all been given gladly, willingly, and has not been lacking in reward. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. SPOFFORD,
Cor. Secretary L. C. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A TIMELY PROTEST.

Sir,—While fond of sport and plays, and not otherwise, and think them good in their season, I wish strongly to protest against such disgusting exhibitions as is now being enacted at the Orpheum theatre in the so-called puppet act, and without which last evening would have been most satisfactory, but to put an innocent girl through such brutality for the sake of a few dollars (I leave out the details) is, to say the least, unwelcome. We therefore, appeal to the Mayor, the police commissioners and the chief to kindly prohibit its further occurrence.

W. J. HANNA.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 16.—8 p. m.
SYNOPSIS.

The barometer remains low over the North Pacific coast and comparatively high throughout the Pacific slope, and particularly heavy in California. The weather remains mild across this province to the Rockies and also in Alberta a warm wave has appeared.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	50
New Westminster	42	50
Kamloops	33	40
Barkerville	30	36
Dawson	25	30
Calgary	25	30
Whitby	20	25
Portland, Ore.	45	50
San Francisco	50	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time)
Thursday:
Victoria and vicinity: Winds chiefly southerly, partly cloudy with showers tonight or on Friday.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, unsettled and mild with occasional rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16.	
Obs.	Rec.
5 p. m. 49	Mean 47
Noon 48	Highest 50
5 a. m. 44	Lowest 44

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a. m. 6 miles west.
Noon 10 miles west.
5 p. m. 24 miles west.
Average state of weather.—Fair.
Rain—22 inches.
Sunshine—1 hour 54 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.736
Corrected.....29.762

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Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....29.84

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 9th to 15th December, 1903.

During this week the weather has been decidedly overcast and showery. Bright sunshine for short intervals was observed upon three days and rain to a greater or less extent fell upon every day of this week. Frosts occurred on the Lower Mainland upon four days, while at Kamloops the average lowest daily temperature was 29 and the average highest, 34 degrees. Upon Sunday the 13th one of the great Pacific storms appeared off the coast, and as the week advanced it slowly advanced the coast, and though the winds remained light to moderate in this vicinity until the night of the 15th, a southerly gale prevailed on the coasts of Vancouver Island, Washington and Oregon during the last three days. On Saturday, 12th, an extensive high barometer area and cold wave spread southward over Cariboo and Alberta, and as the week advanced it moved eastward to Manitoba. The temperature during this period ranged from a few degrees below zero to 20 and 20 below in Manitoba. With the exception of three cold days at Dawson the temperatures have been moderate for this season of the year.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine, 3 hours and 24 minutes; rain, .94 inch; highest temperature, 51.3 on 15th, and lowest 53.1 on 6th and 10th.
New Westminster—Rainfall, 1.39 inch; highest temperature, 44 on 13th, 14th and 15th; lowest, 28 on the 8th.
Kamloops—Snow, .04 inch; highest temperature, 36 on 10th and 14th; lowest, 22 on 13th and 14th.
Barkerville—Snow, 1.00 inch; highest temperature, 34 on 14th and 15th; lowest, 2 below on 12th.
Dawson—Highest temperature, 10 on the 10th, and lowest, 40 below on 13th.

Summary of weather for November, 1903:
Precipitation
Rain. Snow. In inches
Victoria, V. I. 4.51 1.48 5.99
Nanaimo, V. I. 1.17 1.17 2.34
Goldstream, V. I. 1.17 1.17 2.34
Sooke Lake, V. I. 1.17 1.17 2.34
Nanaimo, V. I. 1.17 1.17 2.34
Alberni, V. I. 1.17 1.17 2.34
Kuper Island, V. I. 1.17 1.17 2.34
Vancouver 14.01 1.50 15.51
New Westminster 11.65 7.70 19.35
Garry Point 9.23 2.00 11.23
Cowichan 15.65 2.00 17.65
Kamloops 4.00 4.00 8.00
Barkerville 3.00 9.00 12.00
Rivers Inlet 21.19 2.06 23.25
Quesnel 3.5 1.40 4.90
Sawm 2.24 1.00 3.24
Port Simpson 9.00 3.75 12.75

*Rain and melting.
At Victoria 35 hours of bright sunshine were registered, the mean proportion for the month being 0.12, the lowest yet recorded. The highest temperature was 53.1 on 1st, and the lowest 31.2 on 17th; the mean for the month being 44.1. The total number of miles recorded on the electrical telegraph was 4,772, and the direction as follows: North, 1,177; northeast, 1,214; east, 168; southeast, 830; south, 757; southwest, 556; west, 730; northwest, 52.

At Vancouver the highest was 56.0 on 4th, and the lowest, 21.0 on the 18th.
At New Westminster the highest was 54.6 on 1st, and the lowest 16.9 on 17th, and the monthly mean 40.47.
At Garry Point the highest was 57.0 on 30th, the lowest 21.0 on 17th, and the monthly mean 41.1.
At Nanaimo the highest was 57.0 on 1st, 4th; the lowest 18.5 on 17th and the monthly mean 41.0. The highest temperature of bright sunshine were registered.
At Alberni the highest was 55.1 on 1st; the lowest 19.9 on 17th, and the monthly mean was 38.8.
At Kamloops the highest was 70.0 on 1st; the lowest 4.0 on 18th, and the monthly mean 34.9.
At Barkerville the highest was 52.0 on the 1st; the lowest 16.0 on 17th, and the monthly mean 33.0.
At Rivers Inlet the highest was 54.5 on 25th; the lowest 20.5 on 15th.
At Quesnel the highest was 68.0 on 1st; the lowest 10 below zero on 17th, 18th, and the monthly mean 29.07.
At Port Simpson the highest was 58.7 on 3rd; lowest 13.2 on 17th; monthly mean, 38.02.

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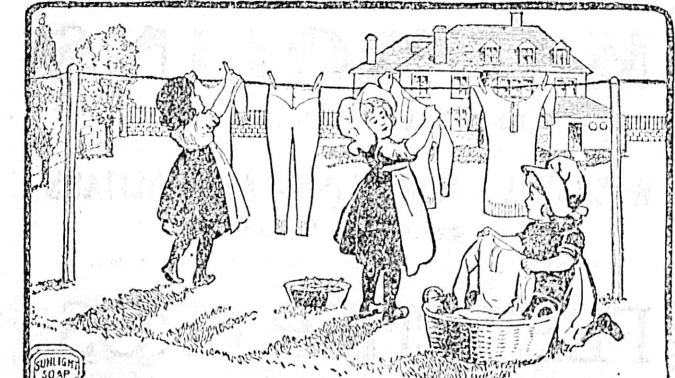
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Dec. 16.—The stock market took on a typical tone of buoyancy and activity today. Fully half the day's meagre transactions were in four stocks, namely, Amalgamated Copper, United States Steel preferred, Pennsylvania Railway and Brooklyn Rapid Transit. An advance in a few of the specialties caused some sympathetic responses in the general list, but the advances were largely lost before the end of the day. The market total lack of demand for stocks allowed aggravating tendency itself in spite of the very light pressure to sell stocks.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit's rise seemed to be due to buying from the same sources as some time past. Sugar's advance was supposedly due to the imminence of the passage of the Cuban reciprocity bill through the senate. The market for Amalgamated Copper continued very active, and the price moved irregularly. The dealings were attributed to an organized speculative movement. The depression upon the market which was evident was not entirely explained. The disturbed tendency of the money market which often becomes apparent towards the close of the year, is entirely lacking at present. The personal arguments of counsel in the Northern Securities case as published this morning, undoubtedly had its effects upon the day's speculative sentiment.

Another much discussed also of the conditions in the iron and steel trades, owing to the larger gathering of representatives in these trades here to discuss the maintenance of prices. There was not very confident feeling to be observed that present prices could be held and the existence of some of the pools designed to hold prices was feared to be endangered, threatening open competition. The sharp recovery in the sterling exchange market was sufficient to put an end to gold imports for the present. Bonds were rather dull and heavy. Total sales par value, \$1,500,000.

New York, Dec. 16.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	48
American Locomotive	49 1/2
American Locomotive pfd	76
American Sugar Refining Co.	12 3/4
American Smelting & Refining Co.	49 1/2
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Amesbury Mining Co.	79
Archison Topeka & Santa Fe	68 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	79
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	59 1/2
Chicago & Alton	118 1/2
Canadian Pacific	118 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	33
Chicago & Northwestern	104 1/2
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	142 1/2
Colorado Southern	14 1/2
Consolidated Gas, New York	18 1/2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	26
Corn Products	67 1/2
Corn Products pfd	67 1/2
Detroit United Railway	69
Delaware & Hudson	158 1/2
General Electric	165
Illinois Central	112 1/2
Manhattan Elevated	141 1/2
Missouri Pacific	92 1/2
Minn., St. P. & S. T. M.	53
Metroplex Iron Works	112 1/2
New York Central	118 1/2
Erie Railway	20 1/2
Erie Railway pfd	67 1/2
Erie Railway 2nd pfd	59 1/2
Norfolk & Western	117
Pennsylvania Railway	117
Pressed Steel	20 1/2
People's Gas	97 1/2
Philadelphia & Reading	14 1/2
Rock Island	22 1/2
Southern Railway	21
Southern Pacific	48
Tennessee Coal & Iron	33
Texaco & Pacific	23 1/2
United States Leather pfd	70 1/2
United States Steel	105 1/2
United States Steel pfd	62 1/2
Union Pacific	88
Wabash Railway	37 1/2
Wisconsin Central	38
American Ice	12 1/2
C. P. R. in London	12 1/2
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